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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references
cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of
the Examiner for independent evaluation. A copy of each reference or its U.S.
equivalent is enclosed. The references were cited in a search report of the German
Patent Office on the German application from which the present application claims
priority. A copy of the search report is also enclosed, which satisfies the
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application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

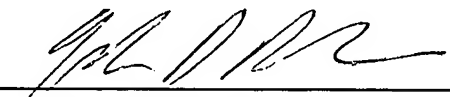
Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Certification

This Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing of the present application and before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Thus, this Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b). In view of the above certification, a fee is not required for consideration of these documents. Nevertheless, should a fee be deemed to be due by the Commissioner, such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. Applicants submit that the present invention is patentable over these references.

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